Beedi Workers in U.P.

1166. SHRI ANAND PRAKASH GAUTAM: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) what are the number of beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh as on date;

(b) whether any provision has been made by Government for granting house building loans to these workers;

(c) if so, the total amount sanctioned to the workers during the last two years;

(d) number of beedi workers benefited under this scheme during the period;

(e) the details of Child Welfare Centres for the benefit of children of beedi workers being run by the Indian Council for Child Welfare;

(f) whether the ICCW propose to run any such Centre in U.P. if so, the details thereof; and

(g) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI RADHAKISHAN MALAVIYA): (a) The number of beedi workers in Uttar Pradesh is estimated to be 4.50 lacs.

(b) Under the schemes - 'Build Your Own House Scheme' and 'Group Housing Scheme for beedi workers'-provision has been made for grant of Rs.1000 as subsidy and Rs.6000 as interest free loan per tenement.

(c) and (d) Under Build Your Own House Scheme an amount of Rs.75,300 was sanctioned and 33 workers benefited in Utter Pradesh during last two years.

(e) The ICCW has been given grant-in-aid to run Child Welfare Centres in Madhya Pradesh at Katangi, Sihora, Khurai and Damoh and in Tamil Nadu at Vellore for the welfare of children of beedi workers.

(f) and (g) No proposal has been received from ICCW to run such Centres in U.P.

1167. *[Transferred to the 8th March,* 1989.]

Production of Sugar

1168. DR. BAPU KALDATE: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) the production of sugar during 1987 and 1988 State-wise;

(b) whether there has been any change in the prices of levy-sugar and the price of retail sugar; and

(c) what are the reasons for increase in the prices of sugar?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D.L. BAITHA): (a) The production of sugar during the year 1986-87 and 1987-88 state-wise, is shown in the statement (*See* below).

(b) Yes, Sir. The issue price of levy sugar has been revised to Rs. 5.25 per kg. w.e.f. 1.1.1989. as against Rs. 5.10 per kg. during the previous year.

(c) The Zone-wise levy sugar prices and retail issue price have been increased for 1988-89 sugar year because of increase in the Statutory Minimum Price (S.M.P.) from Rs. 18.50 to Rs. 19.50 per quintal of sugarcane and increase in the cost of conversion of sugar (Cost-escalations).